

## D E S C R I P T I O N

## SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND SERVER APPARATUS

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## Technical Field

## 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a settlement system at a virtual shop at which a commodity is purchased and a price for the commodity is paid in the virtual shop disposed on a network such as Internet, and a server apparatus for managing the settlement system.

## Background Art

## 2. Description of the Related Art

With development of a network such as Internet, in a corporation in which a commodity is sold, a virtual shop (also called an electronic mall) for selling the commodity is opened on Internet, so that shopping can be performed via Internet.

On the other hand, it is remarkably popular to obtain a present for free on Internet, answer a quiz question, fill a questionnaire, or announce one's candidacy for a monitor regarding use of the commodity, that is to make an application for the present, quiz, questionnaire, monitor, or the like. Because one can participate in a lottery for free, and can sometimes win some prize in the lottery.

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